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Weathering the storm

Easterner reporters spend a night outside in support of the children of war-torn Northern Uganda



Faculty: 'Not an academic Wal-Mart'

EWU Faculty Senate censures Board of Trustees; more than 40 members attend demonstration at the mall Tuesday

By LINDSEY BARNETT
Staff Writer

"No corporate greed on campus."
"Highest paid administrators, lowest paid faculty."

Those statements, along with many others, were found on a number of signs held by EWU faculty members at a rally May 16 in the campus mall.

Mediation between the faculty union and Eastern's administration over salary and workload issues are about to begin, which was the reason for the rally.

No classes were cancelled for faculty to be present at the rally, and that the faculty cares first about the students was made clear by demonstrators on several accounts throughout the rally.

Lower education because of lower pay was a common theme by all speakers.

"(The) faculty's first concern is always the students," said Tony Flinn, president of United Faculty of Eastern. "When [students] go off and become alumni they don't say, 'man, I had the greatest dean.' Much as we all love our deans, and we all do, they have their many endearing ways. [The students] remember the exchanges in class, after the class, in offices, out here with the faculty; they know we're here for them."

Dong Orr, the faculty organization executive committee treasurer, said at the rally that the administration and faculty do have one thing in common;

making sure Eastern is offering their students a quality education. To do that, however, class sizes need to be smaller and faculty deserves to be compensated for their work, he said.

"The [Board of Trustees] has no history in higher education, none of them have ever taught, few of them have ever had any sort of experience in any an sort of situation with any teaching or learning situation," Orr said. "Their idea is, how do you be a good corporate manager? You be a good corporate manager by making your workers work more for less. And we keep hearing that phrase, 'do more for less' and we've been hearing it for the past five years."

If the faculty receives the wages they feel are fair and deserving, the money would come from a number of places.

One of which could be a tuition increase, other avenues to use are donations or the \$11 million reserve fund Eastern has.

"I believe every member of the Board of Trustees has the best intentions for the university," Flinn said. "But...it's a limited spectrum. They haven't seen both sides of the story. They haven't talked to enough people."

The UFE hopes to see change with the new president, Rodolfo Arévalo.

"Our new president has a window of opportunity, and that window is closing very, very rapidly. He's not responsible for the fact that

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Casey Knopik/Easterner

Members of the EWU Faculty and others gathered at the mall Tuesday, waving signs. The demonstration followed the recent faculty censure of the EWU Board of Trustees. The two entities are expected to meet for mediation hearings in late May. The faculty is expected to push for smaller classroom sizes and higher salaries.

Familiar faces, new goals

Kinne and Fleming return to council, look to new year

By ERIC SCHWARTZ
Editor-in-Chief

Over the course of one year, EWU has welcomed a new president and a new provost, bringing to mind the old proverb that change is good.

ASEWU president Alicia Kinne, who, along with vice president Courtney Fleming, recently gained re-election, wants students to know that

continuity can also be a good thing.

"When I was thinking about running again, I had to think whether or not it would be beneficial for the students to have change in their government," said Kinne, who defeated Legan Morgan to retain her position. "Right now, there are a lot of changes on campus. For us, we are done with the learning curve. Now we are at a point where we have a clear set of goals."

Fleming said that many of those goals were long-term, and that the

chance to see them through also motivated her to pursue the office again.

Newly elected Finance Vice President Matthew Knott sees the re-election of Kinne and Fleming as a strong-point for a council that will welcome nine new members.

"It's a definite plus," he said. "I feel like they will be able to help me out from the beginning and direct me."

Still, change often comes with

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Dustin Snipes/Easterner

ASEWU Vice President Courtney Fleming, President Alicia Kinne and Finance Vice President Matthew Knott will comprise the executive council for the 2006-2007 academic year.

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Standing tall

See how EWU's best athletes fared against the best in the Big Sky



EWU enrollment on the decline

Number of applicants down 16 percent from 2005

By STEPHANIE CHILDS
Contributing writer

As Eastern Washington University nears the end of its 18th consecutive quarter of record enrollment, it faces a substantial decline in applications for the 2006-2007 school year.

According to Eastern's enrollment services, applications are down by 642, or 16 percent, from last year.

Eastern, however, is not alone. Central Washington University leads the decreasing application trend with a 19 percent decline, while The Evergreen State College, Western Washington University, Washington State University, University of Washington, Gonzaga University and Pacific Lutheran University all reported a recession in applications compared to last year.

"This is not unique to Eastern," said Michelle Whittingham, associate vice president of enrollment management.

The decline has encompassed all of Washington state's public universities, leaving colleges to ask themselves the integral question, why?

"It's just getting so expensive," said Janie Humphrey, a career specialist at North Central High School in Spokane. "A lot of kids are just going out and getting a job."

With 45 percent of North Central's student body qualified for free or reduced lunches, cost is often a driving

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Eagles' Weekly Weather Report



By Dr. Robert Quinn
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Hot summer weather will prevail through the rest of the week, with highs in the 90s. Moisture will creep into the picture by Friday and Saturday with a good chance of thunderstorms. Cooler weather will prevail Sunday and through next week with highs in the 70s.



UNHEARTED BY CASEY KNOPIK
Assistant News Editor

I-90 repairs cause delays

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By GREG GERSON

Commuters to Eastern from Spokane will face traffic delays on Interstate 90 for about two years while the freeway from Maple to Division and the Latah Creek Bridge are being re-

surfaced. Presently, traffic is being detoured on the westbound I-90 Latah-Hangman Creek area, where two of the three lanes are closed.

Detours suggested by the Washington State Department of Transportation include following Second Avenue out to the Geiger Interchange.

Motorists travel up the Sunset Hill and turn left where the sign indicates the freeway is two miles. The freeway interchange bears a sign indicating the freeway to Ritzville, which is the same freeway to Cheney.

Salt has corroded the steel rebar to the point where the concrete has broken up and potholes have formed, according to the highway department.

The concrete has to be removed and replaced and then the roadway will be repaved with a latex surface.

"The westbound lane repairs should be completed this October," said Gion Gibson, department of transportation assistant project engineer. "The eastbound lanes will be worked on next year."

Progressive Contractors, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$7,695,000 for the two-year repair project, Gibson said.

A highway hotline, 534-7338, has been set up to announce daily lane closure.



By Brandon Hansen

The curse of the ginger sunburn

It happens every summer. Millions and millions of red-headed folk retreat to the interior of their houses to escape the cruel burn of the sun.

You see, they're not subject to a normal sunburn that takes a little while to clear up. We're talking about a ginger sunburn.

Most people go to warm, tropical places for the summer, but when it comes to ginger...we're going to Alaska or Norway.

Since redheads, such as myself, have no pigment what-so-ever except for those annoying little freckles, they are subject to the full brunt of UV rays and Britney Spears' stupidity. Remember the movie *The Hills Have Eyes*? That's pretty much what redheads turn into when summer rolls around.

I would ask that you have pity on your ginger friend during the summer, because they will get redder than Ted Kennedy's face after happy hour. It should almost be classified as a sickness or a disease, because the sad truth is, they can't function like normal people.

Most people go out to the lake or pool to cool down after a hard day's work, but not gingers. They wouldn't be caught dead out in the sun, for two reasons:

First, the glare from their white skin would be enough to blind an already blind man, and secondly, a Ginger Sunburn would ensue.

But what is a Ginger Sunburn,

you ask? Radiation poisoning can sum it up. Your skin basically decides to stop living, commit suicide and turn into a disgusting deep red color. Your face feels like it's falling off a la Michael Jackson, and even your muscles feel sore.

Your muscles feel sore? Yeah, that's right, ginger skin provides no protection whatsoever, so even your muscles get sunburnt.

And the visual aspect...absolutely hideousness.

A red face accented with red hair is truly a disgusting sight to behold. Imagine if the orcs from *Lord of the Rings* decided to mate with your high school pep band and you pretty much have a sunburnt ginger.

Imagine if Casper the friendly ghost and the Kool-Aid man had a kid, that's what a sunburnt ginger looks like.

Shudder. Gasp. Gulp. Trust me, I've been there, I've felt the shame. I've retreated to my ginger hole for the summer where I catch up on my *Star Trek* and *World of Warcraft*.

It's not a good feeling; you ask yourself if you are actually human or even have a soul.

Which seems to explain why there are no popular or athletic redheads in the world. The sun is simply too much for them. We can't tan, and god forbid we get a farmer's tan, so we just have to hide in the shadows like lepers.

This summer will be a challenge for me, as my summer job has me working outside for most of the time, so I have stocked up on my vinegar baths, oatmeal facials and radiation suits. Hopefully I'll be alright.

But let this be a lesson to all you normal-haired people out there, no matter how pale you are or how easy you burn, you're no ginger.

We are the ones who have to tough it out; we have to avoid the sun like Adam Morrison avoids a barber.

Respect us. Or just pass the sunscreen.



By THOMAS COGHLAN
News Editor

5-8 to 5-14

5-9 5:15 a.m. A baby owl fell from its nest near Isle Hill. The police contacted Fish and Wildlife Services to take the owl to a location that specializes in treating animals in these kinds of situations.

5-9 3 p.m. EWU police issued a citation to a vehicle for not yielding to a pedestrian near Washington Street.

5-10 11:15 a.m. A backpack was stolen from the women's locker room in the PHASE. A cell phone worth \$150 and a chemistry book worth \$50 were in the backpack.

5-10 3:50 p.m. A student was walking through the mall area and was verbally harassed by an evangelist speaking there. The evangelist yelled at the woman because she was dressed in revealing clothes, he then said that he was surprised that she had not been raped.

5-10 9:29 p.m. A student left her wallet on a table in the PUB after moving to get a better wireless signal for her laptop. When



Graphic by Steven Wilber

5-8 5:53 p.m. The EWU police assisted the Cheney Police Department when a man refused to leave the Super Gas and Grocery Store on First Street. The store attendant requested that the man leave his dog outside but the man said that the dog was an American Disabilities Act service dog. The dog did not have any identification on it and the man could not produce any either. Alcohol was believed to be involved with the dispute.

she came back to get her wallet, it was gone.

5-10 10:26 p.m. A resident of Morrison Hall had his iPod stolen from his room. The resident said that he had lost his keys a few days before and did not lock his door.

5-11 2:44 p.m. The EWU police responded to a car collision in parking lot P4. No injuries were reported.

5-11 3:33 p.m. EWU police pulled a vehicle over after they witnessed the passenger throw a lit cigarette butt out of the window. The driver was issued a DUI as well as a citation for driving with a suspended license. The driver also had two misdemeanor warrants out for his arrest.

5-13 9:33 a.m. The EWU police assisted the Cheney Police Department with an abusive DUI subject. When officers pulled the vehicle over the driver yelled profanities at the officers and when the man was booked into the Cheney Police station holding cell he repeatedly kicked the door while yelling obscenities.

5-13 11:30 p.m. The EWU police responded to a call about a burglary in Tawanka. When police arrived there was no sign of a burglary.

Arévalo responds to censure of Board of Trustees in faculty-wide e-mail

I was surprised to learn of the Faculty Senate's motion to "censure" the Board of Trustees. My reaction comes from the fact that the motion appears to assign blame for many of the fundamental issues facing the University to the stalled bargaining process. In so doing the Senate has provided a clear endorsement for the faculty union, but has missed the opportunity to contribute to solving the more global challenges we face at EWU, most of which are not even a part of the discussions in labor negotiations.

There is no doubt the issues that remain on the table in these negotiations—principally faculty workload and wages—are difficult issues that rightly provoke passionate debate. There is, however, a legal process through which the union and the University have been and are working to find solutions to those issues. The mediation sessions scheduled for later this month are a normal part of that process, and I can assure you that the University will continue working in good faith in mediation to try and arrive at a settlement that is good for the entire University. I hope the union is similarly committed.

The issues that remain at the bargaining table are, however, only a fraction of the issues that we must confront as a University. I share many of the values articulated in the Senate's motion, including the vital role student success plays in EWU's mission, the importance of maintaining high-quality programs, and the need to attract and retain students in an increasingly competitive environment. Making EWU into an institution that embodies these values and achieves its considerable promise is not something that the Board of Trustees can order, and not something that will occur behind the curtain of collective bargaining. Rather, it is a process that will require the open and collaborative efforts of everyone in the University community. It is my sincere hope that the faculty generally, and the Faculty Senate in particular, will be willing partners in that process.

Rodolfo Arévalo, Ph.D.
President

Reverse job fair comes to Spokane Center

By JESSICA DEBOEVER
Reporter

For a few groups of local high school special education students, the "reverse" job fair held at the downtown Spokane Center was a chance to shine.

On May 15, as part of the S.T.R.I.V.E. program, the students gathered at the center armed with display boards that showed off their special talents, awards and interests.

They were interviewed by professors and students from EWU, in addition to local organizations like Goodwill as a way to get practice for future job opportunities. This is where the reverse part comes into play.

At a typical job fair the potential employer is the one to set up a display to attract job-seekers. At this innovative fair, the interviewers come to the students.

They ask each student questions to give them a chance to practice their socialization skills, explains Linda Devlin, a S.T.R.I.V.E. specialist at Ferris High School. After the interview, each

student is evaluated on their dress and communication skills.

According to Devlin, S.T.R.I.V.E. is a program that was created to allow students with developmental difficulties to acquire skills that will help them gain independence in the future.

Five local high schools participated in the event, including Ferris, Shadle, Lewis and Clark, Rogers and North Central.

In addition to the high school programs, Devlin says that Spokane Community College has a similar arrangement called I.M.A.G.E.S. that allows special-education students to attend classes at SCC.

She says that these classes are separate from the mainstream classes, but still give the students an opportunity to be a part of college life.

Chris Sandham, 16, is in ninth grade at Rogers High School and has big dreams for the future. He says, "I want to be a helicopter pilot or go into the Marine Corps."

Sandham said about his experience at the job fair, "I get a little nervous around new people."

Student John Lemus not only went through the I.M.A.G.E.S. program and is graduating this year, but was also picked to be an interviewer for the event.

He is on the developmental disabilities council and is a volunteer for the Equity Education office.

Lemus says, "I think this is a wonderful opportunity for students and for employers."

The Spokane Transit Authority provided transport for the event instead of shuttling them to the job fair.

She says this is important because it required that each one figure out a bus route they would need to take.

At the event, Ferris student Paul Fanning proudly explained that he was voted Prom King at the Ferris High School dance May 13. Fanning's board showed his work for Habitat for Humanity and how he was picked for the "Sunshine Award" at Ferris.

Regarding plans for his future, Fanning says, "I'm thinking about being a teacher. I really want to help kids."

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Galen Haugen, 88 (left), and Eugene Berland, 89 (right), enjoy lunchtime conversation and food in the dining room of the Cheney Assisted Living Center.

Later years still full of life

By JESLYN LEMKE
Staff Writer

Eighty-nine-year-old Eugene Berland sits in a comfortable chair, in his own sunlit room overlooking Sixth Street and a meadow beyond. Surrounding him are colorful photographs of family and friends.

The room is clean and tidy and on the floor beside him lays a stack of latch hook kits to make murals from bits of yarn. "See that teddy bear picture on the bottom? I've sold 10 of those," he says.

Contrary to popular belief, nursing homes are not simply the stereotypical "sad" institutions of the past, and the director of the Cheney Assisted Living Center, Diane Smart, will be the first to tell you this.

"My goal is to come into work and make these residents laugh and smile on a daily basis," said Smart. She pauses a second, holding back tears. "I guess because of that stereotype, 'Going here to die.'"

An assisted living center differs from other elderly housing facilities because it focuses on enabling residents to maintain their independence for as long as possible. "It keeps a lot of their dignity as we get older and are unable to take care of ourselves," said Smart.

The elderly's independence in old age helps them physically, mentally and spiritually. "I want to let them know they are still alive. Life doesn't end because you go into assisted living care," said Smart.

The hallways of the center are calm, cozy, well-lit and have tasteful paintings dotting the walls.

We turn a corner and I am suddenly gazing out over a quiet field of fuzzy grey and white heads with the cheerful ding of silverware reaching my ears. "See, they're happy," says Smart.

Little groups of elderly men and women murmur with one another at tables full of steaming dishes and tiny pots of fragrant live flowers.

In the corner, finishing up a blueberry cobbler, sits Berland and his buddy, 88-year-old Galen Haugen. The two swap jokes as I pop the first question. How long have they been

here?

Several minutes pass as they banter back and forth, each deciding for the other how long they have been at the center. I ask if they could each give a brief history of their life.

A silence takes over for a moment. And then Berland speaks up. "I was born in Minnesota, raised in Montana and finished in Washington."

Haugen interrupts. "Whad'ya mean you're finished? You're not finished yet."

Berland pauses to yell out hushing comments at a gaggle of elderly women raising a ruckus behind him. I ask, what do you do here? They laugh, exchanging looks through reading glasses.

"Fight with one another," says Berland.

"Try to make a lot of noise," says Haugen.

The atmosphere in the dining room of the Cheney Assisted Living Center that day, was anything but sad. Indeed, there was more an atmosphere of positive camaraderie among friends.

Located on Sixth Street, the seven-year-old center has 28 rooms, but the occupancy fluctuates. Residents

intensive care home, the Cheney Care Center.

Each resident has their own apartment which is cleaned once a week.

They eat three meals a day together in a cafeteria that is more like a giant dining room. A lot of the residents watch TV and do sewing projects.

"We like to eat. We like to rest. We like to eat. We like to rest. And we sleep at night," said Berland.

But it hasn't always been this nice at assisted living homes.

Even as recently as the 1960s, little elderly ladies could have been legally tied to their own beds by health professionals.

It was to prevent them from having accidents by falling, said Smart. "Back then it was thought that this would keep them safe, but it didn't," she said.

As can be seen, care for the elderly has improved immensely. "I would like to see more young people become involved with the elderly. It makes them feel young again, to a certain degree," she said.

For Smart, her job is to keep improving this field, a few brilliant smiles at a time.



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Berland laughs with his friend Galen Haugen during lunch.

may leave and return to their families, go to the hospital and not come back, or move next door to a more

ASEWU: council hopes to improve communication

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continuity.

Things like improving diversity on campus, educating students in online advising, improving the STA program and bringing out more students to ASEWU elections are just a few of the goals that need to be brought to fruition, said Kinne.

She said she would like continue seeing improvements in diversity on campus, among other things.

"A lot of times the university tends to see diversity only as an issue of ethnicity," she said. "We have tried to make them understand that it is much broader than that... Everyone has something that makes them diverse, and that's what we want to stress."

Spring quarter is the time when many council members begin to look at ASEWU bylaws and decide what

they like and don't like. Each of those changes will help to improve on the year before, said Kinne.

Both Kinne and Fleming agree that improvements must be made to the relationship between students and the student government. Communication appears to be the most important issue.

Their ideas for rectifying a lack of communication range from changes to their Web site to more dialogue with actual students.

"We can't reach everyone with a black-and-white flyer anymore," said Kinne. "That isn't helping us communicate with all the students... We really just have to take publicity and advertising to a whole new level."

Improvement in this regard would also act to address a low student turnout at elections.

Less than 10 percent of the stu-

dent body voted in this year's elections - a fact Kinne said could be attributed to anything from delegation of election duties, disenfranchisement with the political process and lack of campaigning.

Despite those problems, both Kinne and Fleming said they are exceptionally happy with the relationship the ASEWU has been able to forge with the EWU administration.

"That's one of the things I believe we have done very well," said Fleming. "Administrators have been giving constant praise."

As a whole, Kinne said she sees the past year as successful, but understands that ASEWU has a long way to go in her second term.

"We're very blessed with good relationships around campus," she said. "We will be able to use them in this next year to make changes for the good."

Demonstration: faculty calls for quick action by Arévalo

From Front Page

the bargaining broke down; that's the Board of Trustees, Orr said. "But he can be responsible for making sure we reach a collective bargaining agreement very quickly that benefits the faculty. He's already said our workloads are too high, he's already said our salaries are too low, well now he can step to the plate and do something about it."

The faculty union says that its members are underpaid compared with similar schools, with the lowest salary for its level in Washington, according to an article in the *Spokesman-Review*.

On May 8, the EWU Academic Senate censured the Board of Trustees (BOT) for "faltering in its responsibility to ensure the quality of the students' academic experience to the detriment of the health of the university," as quoted from an e-mail sent to all faculty members from Sally Win-

kle, president of the faculty organization, and Bill Youngs, vice president.

Instances of failed searches for new faculty, as well as concern that junior and mid-career faculty are leaving because of workload and salary issues, were among the concerns expressed by the senate in the e-mail.

"These are alarming examples that demonstrate ways in which salary and workload, which are under the purview of the UFE, also inevitably affect the quality of education and faculty ability to teach their students, which are under the jurisdiction of the Academic Senate. Over the past two years, we have heard many faculty express frustration about their ever-increasing class sizes that not only add significantly to their workload but also undermine their ability to give students the personal attention they deserve," as stated in the e-mail.

The censure, which means the

senate strongly disapproves the BOT's actions, "does leave room for the two sides to work together" to find a mutual agreement that will benefit the university.

On May 12, Dr. Arévalo sent an e-mail out to all staff in regards to the censuring of the BOT.

Surprised by the censuring action of the Faculty Senate, Arévalo said his reaction was caused by the appearance of blame being assigned for the issues facing the University in the "stalled bargaining process."

"There is no doubt the issues that remain on the table in these negotiations - principally faculty workload and wages - are difficult issues that rightly provoke passionate debate. There is, however, a legal process through which the union and the University have been and are working to find solutions to those issues," Arévalo said.

The mediation sessions are scheduled for late May.

Enrollment: EWU sees a 16 percent drop

From Front Page

force behind their secondary education choices. Many students saw their options, such as the SAT's application fee waiver, drastically cut.

In the past students were allotted four vouchers each, which allowed them to apply to four colleges at no cost.

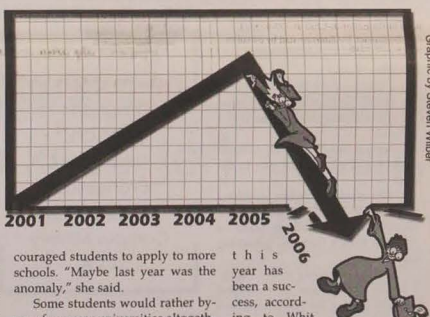
Students may only receive two fee waivers now, which could account for the expansive statewide drop in applications, according to Umphrey.

Eastern's own student body consists of 55 percent of first-generation college students.

"We are promoting all students to go into higher education," Whittingham said. "Regardless of their socio-economic background."

In addition to fewer fee waivers diminishing the application levels, applying to schools now costs students \$50 a piece, which is an increase from the previous \$38.

Whittingham also explained that in the fall of 2004 there was a concern for lack of space in higher education, which could have en-



couraged students to apply to more schools. "Maybe last year was the anomaly," she said.

Some students would rather bypass four-year universities altogether. Nathan Forness, a senior at North Central High School, chose a two-year college over all of the Washington state four-year colleges.

"I'm planning on going to Spokane Falls Community College," Forness said. "I didn't even apply to any of the four-year universities."

Despite the numerical decline,

this year has been a success, according to Whittingham.

"We saw a record number of students attend the Open House on April 22 and an excellent turnout for our spring applicant/admit receptions," she said.

"All indicators are very positive, with the exception of the actual application numbers themselves."

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Jed Smock holds a large sign and delivers his message to students in the mall on May 10.

Evangelist visits EWU; gives students an earful

By LINDSEY BARNETT
Staff Writer

Exercising his right of free speech, Jed Smock, an evangelist from Campus Ministry U.S.A., spent the afternoons of May 8 through 10 on the campus mall surrounded by Eastern students, as he preached his version of the word of God.

"The whole world lies in wickedness," Smock said in one of many speeches to the students.

To grab students' attention, Smock would address a passing student with questions like, "Do you masturbate? If you do, you're going to hell."

He even called one student a whore because of the way she was dressed.

"[Smock] said he was amazed that [I] haven't gotten raped," said Heather Hoberg, a sophomore. "And that I must come from a broken home, and he asked me what my father would think of the way I dressed."

Hoberg was dressed in workout clothes and was on her way to the gym.

With students yelling anything from quotes from the Bible to obscenities at him, nothing fazed or stopped Smock from his preaching zone.

"You're not going to trip me up. I know exactly how you respond and I'm getting the exact response I want," he said.

One student, junior Levi Floeter, was one of many people who countered what Smock had to say with questions and verses from the Bible.

"Do you think you'll escape God's judgment?" was one question Floeter asked.

Passing by the mall, Floeter said he didn't pay any attention to the commotion around Smock until the masturbation question was addressed in his direction.

"My dad is a pastor and once I heard exactly what [Smock] was saying I just couldn't walk away,"

said Floeter. "I couldn't bear to hear a man misrepresenting God the way he is."

With students clearly upset at what Smock was saying, they were questioning whether or not people like this should be allowed on campus, despite First Amendment rights.

Floeter said, "I think that whether or not you allow people like this on campus, if you tell them 'no' they'll only fight harder to get onto campus and say what they have to say. I'd rather hear this guy one time then have to deal with him a million times."

Since Smock's visit to campus was causing a commotion among students, the Humanist Action

controlled.

Kevin Molduene, the cofounder of HAL, posed a question to Smock about his actions out at the mall.

He asked if a more peaceful approach, such as the HAL meeting setting, would have been a better way to go about getting his message to the students.

"I'm not Mr. Rogers," Smock said in response. "I would be ignored. So while my actions may seem unbearable, it's the truth and it gets students' attention."

One student fired back at Smock, saying that students only listen with disdain when he tells them their actions are condemning them to hell.

Osha Morningstar, sophomore and friend of Hoberg, dressed in provocative clothing for the meeting, hoping to make a point to Smock.

"Yesterday, you told a student she was a whore because of the way she was dressed and that she deserved to be raped," Morningstar asked Smock. "I dressed in this short skirt and low-cut top today, does that make me a whore too? Should I be raped?"

In response, Smock said that she didn't deserve to be raped, but she was simply "asking for it."

Smock used two examples to make his point on the topic.

First, he said that if someone parks an expensive car in a crime-ridden neighborhood and it gets stolen, was the person not asking for it to be stolen by parking it in a high-crime area?

Secondly, he said, "If a stripper goes to a party with many drunken men there and she gets raped, does she deserve it? No, she asked for it, given her choice of job and clothing."

The general consensus among the group of students in the HAL meeting was that Smock had every right to come and preach his version of the word of God, but his methods were nevertheless reprehensible.

From Eastern, Smock was headed to Central and Western Washington Universities.

"God has sent me to college campuses to preach."
-Jed Smock
Evangelical speaker with Campus Ministry U.S.A.

League (HAL) invited him to their meeting on Thursday for a dialogue to ask him questions about his methods and message.

"God has sent me to college campuses to preach," he said at the meeting.

Smock has been a traveling minister for 33 years and despite his luke-warm welcomes on many campuses, he continues to travel from school to school.

For a little over a half an hour students were allowed to ask him questions, with the intention of keeping the setting collected and

Northwest Boulevard takes new approach to gain community awareness

Eastern's undergraduate literary journal will sell T-shirts with quotes printed on them

By CINDY MILLER
Contributing Writer

Northwest Boulevard, EWU's undergraduate literary journal and literary club, will be selling special limited-edition T-shirts in the coming weeks in an effort to raise awareness of the journal.

Several Eastern professors have consented to lend their favorite quotes to the shirts, with only a limited number of each shirt being printed.

They'll be offered for sale on campus one design at a time. The catch—no one will know the order in which the designs will appear.

"We wanted to lend a little mystery and hopefully a little excitement to the promotion," said Kimalisa Kaczinski, the graduate student adviser for Northwest Boulevard.

Kaczinski has been instrumental in the success of the journal for the past two years, directing the student editorial board as submissions are selected, events are planned and the publication date is set.

Dr. Jonathan Johnson, director of the Inland Northwest Creative Writing Center, oversees the journal's production.

Sales of the T-shirts will provide funding for next year's journal. The designs are being created by Adam Kaczinski and Dave Artz, members of the editorial board. They'll be available within the coming weeks for a price of \$10.

Northwest Boulevard is EWU's

best opportunity for undergraduates to submit a creative work and go through the publication process on a local level.

While no money is awarded in the process, it gives writers the experience of submitting and possibly being published by a university journal, which can lead to other publishing successes.

This year's selections will be announced in a few weeks, according to Kaczinski.

Northwest Boulevard is published each year near the end of spring quarter after submissions have been selected and edited as needed by the editorial staff. A publication event will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed.

Faculty fellow for diversity chosen

By DAVID TELLER
Reporter

Dr. James Ochwa-Echel will begin a two-year, full-time appointment on July 1 as the new faculty fellow for diversity at Eastern, according to an e-mail released by Ronald H. Dalla interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

As a faculty fellow for diversity, he will work closely with the other Fellows on a curriculum diversity project.

"He will support initiatives to develop a more culturally diverse campus," said Sally Winkle, co-chair of the Faculty Fellow Committee.

According to Winkle, his efforts in support of creating a more diverse university will be focused on integrating multicultural and international perspectives into the EWU curriculum with academic initiatives such as service learning.

He will also teach up to three classes a year.

Ochwa-Echel (pronounced AW-cha-wuh EH-eh) is a native of Uganda. He is currently a lecturer and faculty member in residence at Afrikan Heritage House at Oberlin

College in Ohio. He has a widespread background directing multicultural and diversity programming.

"His professional background in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in instructional technology has been enriched by his experience teaching both graduate and undergraduate classes," said Dalla via e-mail.

Ochwa-Echel got his interest in being an educator growing up when he realized the educational problems of his home country.

He saw a way of changing things and has continued to make improvements. A new school is currently being built where he calls home.

Ochwa-Echel explains some of his goals for EWU, including a three-pronged trident approach.

First, he concentrates on new students, capturing their attention early and exposing freshmen students to diversity.

In a moderately accented, soft, smoky voice he said, "They experience other cultures and other ethnicities."

Second, he wants to implement an outreach program focusing on communication, including a coffee hour where students visit with oth-

ers of different backgrounds.

Third, he wants to organize a campus environment of understanding by bringing in speakers from other cultures and eliminate the fear of that which is different.

Hiring more minority faculty is another step to better understanding.

His appeal to EWU was simple. "The (qualifications of the position being sought) were some of the things I have already done and some of the things I'm doing right now," he said in a telephone interview.

When talking about a conversation on the phone with EWU officials, he said he felt welcome. The feeling is mutual. "He made a very favorable impression on all of us," said Winkle.

After seeing pictures of the campus he added, "I found the environment quite beautiful."

Dr. Ochwa-Echel, whose father was a local government administrator, holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from The Ohio University, a master's degree from Boston University and a B.A. from Schiller International University. In addition to English, he speaks fluent German, Kiswahili and Lwo.

Study finds parents of students more involved

By STEPHANIE CHILDS
Reporter

When his cellphone rings, Dylan Kitzan's thumb automatically presses the glowing green "accept" button. A familiar female voice asks about his day.

It's his mom.

"I talk to her everyday," Kitzan said. And according to a survey conducted by the College Parents of America, he is not alone.

The survey enlisted 839 parents and questioned them on the number of times they are in contact with their children. It concluded that parental involvement is becoming more and more prevalent on college campuses, with 74 percent of parents communicating with their child two to three times per week. Of those 74 percent, one in three

contacted their child at least once a day.

With the advent of cell phones, e-mail and instant messaging the ease in which families can stay in touch is almost effortless. According to the survey, "An overwhelming majority, 90 percent, said they used cell phones to keep in touch, and 58 percent frequently used e-mail to correspond with their children."

Kitzan's method of choice in communicating with his mom is through the computer. "I talk to my mom through instant messaging four to five days a week," he said.

Kevin Smith-Orn, from Bremerton, Wash., said that he talks to his mom and dad daily. His parents, though, are usually the ones to initiate the call. "I only call them once a week," he said.

Calls and e-mails are not the only

method of communication on the rise. Campus visits have also begun to increase. The survey found that 75 percent of parents visited the campus at least once or twice a semester and 17 percent stopped by once a month or more.

Smith-Orn's parents, however, are not among the frequent campus visitors. "It's a six-hour drive for my parents," he said. Similarly, he only goes home to visit three times a year.

These parents who are constantly in touch with their students have earned the nickname "helicopter parents" because of their hovering habits. And admittedly some students are finding their persistent presence a bit of a nuisance.

With a roll of his eyes, Kitzan commented, "My parents are more involved than I want them to be."



Images were spliced together to take this panoramic photo from the highest point on campus.

By JESLYN LEMKE
Staff Writer

Got your wings? A real eagle could fully appreciate the 102-foot plummet from the highest point on campus, but for EWU Eagles, the 20-30 mile view of the surrounding Eastern Washington plains will suffice. At 2,363.83 feet above sea level and around 102-feet high, Dressler Hall is the tallest building at Eastern.

Everyday life pans out everywhere, standing on the open 12th floor. Students the size of G.I. Joes

clamber about campus. Toy cars zoom around streets that stretch away at distorted angles. Over 50 miles away, Mt. Spokane rises above a green-grey horizon. Steptoe Butte can even be seen, a darker lump off to the south. And the sight straight down is thrilling. With toes lining the very edge of the roof, a vertical highway of cobbled rock wall speeds straight to the ground, fast and flat. Needless to say, the university doesn't allow students onto this open 12th floor; no guardrail equals no safety.

"Someone could accidentally walk over there and trip. And here

with a fall, it's so high, it'd be a death. It's just too dangerous," said Rausch. Pierce winds or snow can even make the roof too hazardous for work crews. Once wind speed reaches over 30 or 40 mph, no one goes up.

"We try to not come up here if it's really snowing or windy, unless it's absolutely necessary," said Rausch.

So high above the rest of the world, the roof takes on a strangely calm atmosphere.

"It's so peaceful. Its kind of like being out there at the ocean where you can just sit down and look around," said Rausch.

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Participate in your democracy

By TIM CREEN
Contributing Writer

Some of the most dismal news I've ever read was splashed on last week's *Easterner* cover. In introducing the elections results for ASEWU positions, the total number of voters was hidden in the first paragraph.

Just 974 of us went to the polls last week. That's just ten percent of students.

Granted, this was no Swift-Boat-Veterans-For-Legan-Morgan campaign season, but it certainly was illustrative of greater trends.

First and foremost, the numbers crunched by our elections workers are representative of nationwide statistics for our age group. A small percentage of us ever bother voting for anything beyond the reach of Simon Cowell; why would our school elections be any

different?

There is a reason that we hear a whole lot from politicians regarding Medicare, prescription drugs and gas prices, and not a whole lot about the prices of tuition and beer. The name of that reason is the AARP.

The second reason this statistic is infuriating as well as enlightening is that in a few short months, our congressional district (number five, if you're keeping track at home) is once again up for grabs. In 2004, this seat retrieved some 300,000 votes. The split of votes was roughly 60 to 40 percent, with Republican Cathy McMorris winning.

By the way, in politics, a 20 point divide like that is something of an ass-whopping. In comparative terms, consider your favorite sport's penultimate game being concluded with a 3:2 scoring ratio. In hockey, as in Alaska, not a big deal. In basketball, as in Ohio and

Indiana, you'd have a hard time finding fans outside of the immediate family.

Will we ever be graced by the presence of McMorris or Democrat challenger, Peter Goldmark? Chances are the PUB MPR is not going to be a key-note location on either of these campaign trails (in fairness to WSU and gamblers, the Cougars might have a shot at corralling Goldmark, as he is/was a regent there).

The Fifth Congressional District is home to many, many universities. Here we find ourselves, Gonzaga, Whitworth, WSU, the UW satellite campus in Tri-Cities, scores of satellite campuses in Spokane and Walla Walla and CWU.

The tens of thousands of college students in the Fifth Congressional District should be able to act with one voice. Regardless of our political stripes, we all have a common inter-

est in tuition costs, tax deferments, the draft, interest and inflation rates (these affect your ability to borrow money for your philosophy degree) and other issues. Beyond that, we have partisan interests in issues that directly affect members of our age group: abortion, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, border security.

Even if we cannot speak with one voice, we could at least all begin yelling. In reality, so long as you don't advocate hurting people or dogs, I don't care so much for the particulars of your opinion so much as I care that you have the ability and the desire to form one.

Of course, the great irony is that if you are reading the opinion page, you were probably one of the people who took a minute to vote last Tuesday.

It only took 974 of us to prove that we're not worth listening to. Congratulations, classmates, on a job well done.



THRU THE EAGLE'S EYE

ASEWU voter turnout must be improved

By The Easterner Staff

We weren't shocked last week when, yet again, there was a dismal turnout for the ASEWU elections. Only 974 students out of more than 10,000 chose to help shape this university's future through the act of voting for our representatives.

Instead of regurgitating the same editorial that *The Easterner* pumps out every year after an ASEWU election, wherein we bash the students for not caring and being indifferent about the world around them, this year we're going to offer a couple of ideas to the new ASEWU council to get students more involved.

First off, a longer campaign season might be beneficial in garnering more student awareness. The short span of time that prospective council members campaign makes it particularly hard for a weekly paper, such as *The Easterner*, to cover the candidates' campaigns and bring the students the kind of detailed information that they need to make a wise decision on who should be the voice of the students. Let's make it an actual campaign; not a two-week flir-fer.

We also think that forming campus political parties would drum up more student participation. There are many different interest groups on campus that each have different needs. We have, for instance, commuter students who come from surrounding areas who may want more parking, while the students who live in Cheney may want more activities on campus. This could create much more discourse about the issues that concern all students and their needs.

This may not improve low turnout, but it certainly can't make it worse.

Bono, a man with a righteous cause

By MACARENA HERNANDEZ
The Dallas Morning News

In a world where celebrities are known to embrace humanitarian causes when in need of some image rehab, it is easy to be cynical. Rock stars or movie stars peddling charity for some personal sympathy—who hasn't heard that one before?

So last week, when Bono came to Dallas, I thought about skipping a reception at which he was expected to mingle with some locals before delivering a speech to a sold-out crowd.

It's not that I don't like Bono. I love him. Having grown up in a Baptist home where secular music was prohibited (unless it was in Spanish), I didn't discover U2 until the summer after my sophomore year in college. In other words, too late.

Part of my trepidation was being crowded into a room packed with star-struck fans clamoring for a photograph and having to settle for a glimpse. And worse, a person's public image hardly ever matches with reality, and I was afraid my admiration for this humanitarian rock star would take a hit.

Still, I attended. With only about 50 of us at the reception, I even got to ask the Nobel Peace Prize nominee about our current immigration debate, which one of my colleagues had asked me to do. I found him disarming and charming, but, more important, he seemed genuinely engaged.

Immigration, however, wasn't what brought him to Dallas. On his mind, always it seems, is Africa and her poverty.

Considering that a recent National Geographic Society survey found that most young adults can't even locate Iraq on a map, it would be easy to ignore what's happening in Africa—so far away, not our problem.

But it is. And that's a message Bono has been spreading for years. Why should blessed countries like ours be burdened?

Simple—national security. After all, it was former Secretary of State Colin Powell who said, "The war against terror is bound up in the war against poverty."

"In turbulent times, isn't it cheaper to make friends out of potential enemies than to defend yourself against them later?" Bono asked. "A better world happens to be a safer one, as well."

And he's not talking we-are-the-world bleeding-heart speak. He offers practical solutions that involve all of us that could eradicate poverty in our lifetime. And why shouldn't it be true that "where you live in the world should not determine whether you live," as Bono put it?

He has been able to win support from some unlikely allies, who might have said before that corruption in African governments makes it impossible to help. Bono urges accountability for both the recipient and the donor. It doesn't hurt that Bono, who grew up with a Catholic mother and Protestant father, preaches about higher laws and quotes Scripture in reminding us of our social responsibility to the poor. In the end, he says, it's not about charity but about justice.

A Bono mentor, Jeffrey D. Sachs, writes in "The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time" that the United States spent about \$450 billion on the military last year, compared to about \$15 billion—about 15 cents on every \$100 of U.S. gross national product—fighting poverty.

Every month, some 150,000 Africans die, too often from treatable diseases such as malaria and tuberculosis, in some cases because they lack access to medicines easily available here. Or because they lack anti-malarial bed nets or safe drinking water or because their starving bodies can't fight off disease. In some villages, the only ones left are grandmothers and orphans of the AIDS epidemic; their parents died next to strangers in crowded facilities with no access to treatment.

Across the globe, poverty kills some 8 million people every year.

These stories hardly make the front page—human life reduced to harsh statistics.

As newspapers nationwide are losing circulation, celebrity tabloids like *US Weekly* keep reporting increased readership. Perhaps Bono is spreading his message better than any world leader could.

U.S. must avoid moral hypocrisy on China

By CURTIS CAMPBELL
Opinion Editor

Freedom took another nosedive in China this week, when Yang Tianhui, a Chinese Internet writer, was sentenced to 12 years in prison for writing essays. Yes, I said "writing essays."

What could he have possibly written that would garner a 12-year prison sentence, you ask?

Was he advocating the violent overthrow of the Chinese government with nuclear weapons? No.

Did he propose terrorist attacks against the Chinese citizenry? Nope.

Yang was charged with posting essays on the Internet that argued for free elections in China. Yes, 12 years in free elections in China—yes, 12 years in a Chinese prison—which, from what I've read, is almost as bad as the Soviet gulags—for merely writing essays ad-

vocating that which most of the world takes for granted. Freedom.

This kind of oppression is nothing new to Yang or other Chinese writers who support a free China. Yang was released from prison back in 2000 after serving a 10-year sentence for condemning the attack against pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in 1989. Scores of other journalists and writers who expose the truth of the Chinese government's brutal suppression of free speech and thought have also met similar fates, if not worse.

Despite the blatant human rights abuses perpetuated by the Chinese government against its citizens, our own government, as well as many other governments that supposedly value freedom, simply capitulate to the Chinese government in exchange for access to their vast consumer

population.

You may remember the fanfare that greeted President Hu Jintao of China when he met with lawmakers from the state of Washington to Washington D.C. The only ones to talk about Chinese oppression were a few protestors at the events Hu attended before they were taken away by security. Lawmakers gladly kissed his rear.

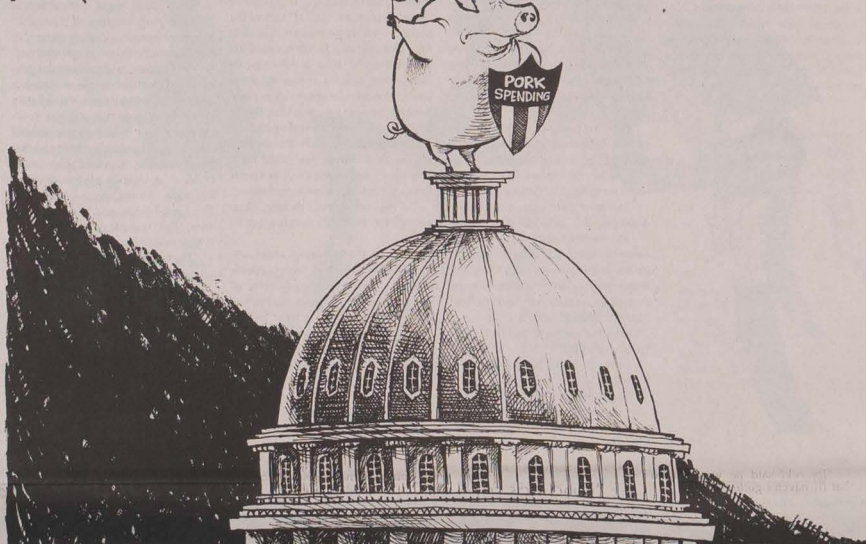
Our media is no better. Yes, those who bitch and moan about a secretive Bush administration, secret prisons for terrorists or listening in on the telephone calls of suspected terrorists do nothing to enlighten the American people about the truly heinous abuses of freedom around the world. Yet, they still somehow find time for three weeks to cover a vice president who accidentally shot his hunting partner, a week to talk about Exxon's excessive profit

this year or four months to discuss a single girl missing in Aruba.

Why don't most of us care? Is it because those who are being oppressed are Chinese and do not carry the same physical characteristics as Westerners? Is our entire nation so subconsciously racist that we simply ignore the plight of those who do not look like us? Would we be this apathetic if Germany or England became a communist state and sent people to prison for supporting freedom or forced people to have abortions? Or, have we become so self-consumed that we don't care about anybody other than ourselves?

Whatever the answer is, we must change it. If we don't, instead of being a nation built upon the idea that ALL men and women deserve freedom, we will be a nation refounded on the shoulders of moral hypocrisy.

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Dems need to stop knee-jerk dissent

By ERIC SCHWARTZ
Editor-in-Chief

Democrats often resemble nothing more than a crying child in need of a bottle. While they are quick to point out a problem, their reaction seldom garners much more than infantile accusations and incessant whining.

In 2005, George W. Bush proposed needed changes to the weakening Social Security system. Democrats fiercely opposed it, but offered no solutions.

Earlier this year, Bush's large-scale NSA wiretapping program, used to weed out possible terrorists, was vehemently attacked by the left. Again, they failed to offer any counter-solution to seeking out domestic terrorists.

On Tuesday, the trilogy came full circle as a host of clueless left-wingers called the president's proposed moves against illegal immigration everything from "not enough" to "too much." A few even managed to liken placing national guardsmen on our border to the war in Iraq (no surprise there).

Bush addressed the nation Monday and proposed sweeping changes

to the nation's immigration policies. He said he would order as many as 6,000 National Guard troops to secure the U.S. border with Mexico and urged Congress to give millions of illegal immigrants a chance at citizenship.

"Democrats are willing to support any reasonable plan that will secure our borders, including deploying National Guard troops," said Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.). "But Americans don't want a plan that's been cobbled together to win political favor. This cannot turn into another long-term military deployment with no clear plan."

Apparently, proposing a solution for dealing with the more than 13 million illegal immigrants in this country, rather than bickering about it in Washington, D.C., was nothing more than a ploy to "win political favor." Forget the Republican members of congress who feel Bush is being too

"soft." Forget the millions of Mexican-born Americans who will call his plan too "harsh."

I suppose blocking every piece of legislation the president proposes, as the Democrats seem intent upon doing, is nothing more than skillful legislating. Here's a thought—perhaps it is leftists like Durbin who are truly politically motivated.

It is, after all, an election year and Democrats have been without power since the Clinton Administration. Essentially, their only power has become questioning the president's.

In "reality," where conservatives live and liberals vacation, the president's immigration plan is precisely what is needed to create a border where a revolving door stands today. Bush said the National Guard troops would temporarily fill in while the nation's border patrol force is expanded.

He asked Congress to add 6,000 more border patrol agents by the end of his presidency and to add more beds so illegal immigrants can be detained while waiting for hearings.

Under his plan, catching and releasing immigrants would be a thing of the past.

The border patrol, which has seen its funding increased by 66 percent under the Bush Administration, would remain responsible for catching and detaining illegal immigrants while the National Guard would provide intelligence, surveillance and administrative support.

In addition, Bush proposed the creation of tamperproof identification for workers which he said would "leave employers with no excuse for breaking the law."

It stands to reason that if it is harder for illegal immigrants to cross the border, harder for them to obtain jobs, and impossible for them to skip hearings, our nation's security would be greatly improved.

It is neither wise nor realistic to round up millions of people, many with deep roots in the United States and send them across the border," Bush said. "There is a rational middle ground between granting an automatic path to citizenship for every illegal immigrant and a program of mass deportation."

It remains to be seen whether or not Democrats will stand with the president on this middle ground or continue to spit up baseless accusations while wrapped in their partisan blankets.

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A dark and stormy night: Two EWU students brave rainstorm to support Ugandan children

By JESLYN LEMKE
Contributing Writer

Every night, thousands of refugee children in Northern Uganda flee their homes to escape being abducted into a brutal rebel army. A non-profit organization, Invisible Children, was formed to rescue these children. Part of their effort to end this 20-year war was the new Global Night Commute held April 29, where people were asked to write two letters: one to their state senator and one to their president. The goal of the night was to alert government officials about these children and ask the U.S. government to help them.

Over 60,000 people around America came out for the night (some walking over 10 miles) to honor the children and make a case against suffering.

If the prospect of sleeping one night outside in downtown Spokane wasn't adventurous enough, Trevor, our trusty cowboy, came in with a real live lasso and walking stick strapped to his 1960s backcountry backpack. That could quite possibly have been the most entertaining aspect of my group's participation in Spokane's Global Night Commute, a symbolic and revolutionary event that went



Graphic by Steven Wilber

down all over the world on April 29.

More than 800 people turned up in the First Presbyterian Church parking lot that night. When I arrived, the lot looked like some wild war-zone party, with hundreds of people laughing and gallivanting around in the darkness while trying to keep dry and find a place to sleep. Everyone was pretty young, mostly from the ages of 14 to 25.

By 11:30 p.m., a big field of sleeping bags was spread across the parking lot, with people squished in underneath tarps and garbage bags.

"Care for a chunk of ham?" asked Trevor, holding up a ball of meat the size of my fist. Tonight was going to be great, I could tell.

Things were going well until it started to drizzle.

Mummy bags and tarps shrank a little at first, and people pulled them closer to keep dry. We, the three brave girls, had pushed some tables together, blockaded ourselves from the wind with recycle bins and lay on the pavement in a dark wet First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot Cave. It was nice, I gotta tell ya.

At one point I looked up to see Trevor lassoing two emergency cones with some stranger he'd talked into helping him. Nice touch to the night, I guess.

And then the rain really started pounding down. Within minutes, my good amigo Linzy was practically clawing her way upstream to keep up with our fading conversation.

"Or how 'bout some of these nice dried prunes?" asked Trevor.

The parking lot was soaked within minutes; water was actually flowing under people, drenching everything it touched. In one mass movement, everybody picked up their soaked bags and headed into the church.

Except four very stubborn Christians from EWU.

"Let's go to the bank, man!" said Blondele.

I squirmed out of my bag, did a few calisthenics to put my shoes back on without touching the ground, and then we were out, rushing through the rain, leaping over abandoned

blankets and tarps, running across Maple Street and scuttling under the open pillars of the Global Credit Union.

"Are you sure it's okay to sleep here? I don't want to get shot by the Global Credit Union," I joked, tucking my bag a little farther out of sight from the street.

"Cheese anyone?" asked Trevor, baring a giant Bowie knife and slicing up a hunk of cheddar as big as a hunk of cheddar.

By then it was about 1 or 2 in the morning. Blondele and Nick had actually walked five hours that day, all the way from Cheney to Spokane. This was in honor of the refugees, who sometimes walk for half a day, every day, just to escape the rebel army. Nick was sleeping hard, stretched out under the eaves of the bank. Trevor wandered off and came back with three steaming cups of cocoa.

Then the waiting set in.

Cold waiting.

We talked about Africa, about school, about whatever. Time kind of folded in on itself; we lost track of the hours in our conversation. Blondele kept us entertained with some of his stories from his time in Africa while Trevor and I drank cocoa. At some point, Blondele got up to run in place because he was so cold. One time I looked up to see that Trevor had actually lit a candle inside his sleeping bag to keep warm. He could have written a book called *Ways to Keep it Country While Homeless in Spokane*.

I do remember, though, dozing off for about 20 minutes before dawn.

Then it was morning. Like one big Spokane hangover, sleepy people with crazy hair emerged from all kinds of weird crannies within the church, shuffling out in front for one very big, very tired Spokane snapshot.

And I have to say, whatever small discomfort we felt that night, it meant nothing in light of what this movement has broken open.

The voices of the invisible children will be heard. The end of the war has started.

By CHRIS MALMBERG
Staff Writer

As hard as I'll try to describe the night of the Global Night Commute, I know that much of it will be lost in translation. I feel like I'm trying to describe a complex dream that bobs in and out of my memory, even though I didn't really sleep that night.

Maybe I should start by describing the situation before I got too weird.

As powerful as a single image of one child's misery can be in the pages of *National Geographic*, it's surprising that the force of tens of thousands of children experiencing hell in Uganda every day don't make humans everywhere bleed internally, that the children's pain doesn't shatter windows across the globe or inspire fish to jump from the water and drown themselves in the sand. Or, at the very least, get noticed by other people. Anyway, there shouldn't have to be cameras for people to care, but that's the way it is.

The Global Night Commute was an attempt to accomplish two goals: to raise awareness among those that don't already know about the horrors in Uganda, and to show the government that the people of America will stand behind them should they choose to engage the problem. A little more than 50,000 people around America pledged online to spend that night outside, together, like many children in Uganda are forced to endure every night. I went because it sounded like a good cause, and I wanted to see what 50,000 people could accomplish if they united for one goal.

The night turned out to be really, really suck.

It was held in the First Presbyterian Church parking lot, just off I-90. Ashley, Cami and I walked down the Plaza through the streets of downtown Spokane, getting weird looks from people driving and walking by. Carrying a sleeping bag and a duffel bag around downtown Spokane seemed to imply something to these people.

When we arrived, we were each

issued a packet containing instructions and three blank pieces of paper. By morning, we were requested to have written two letters, one to the president and the other to a state senator, and to have used the third piece of paper to draw something that would bring attention to the problems in Uganda.

We were a little late, so most of the people were there already. I'd say, of the 600 that had pledged to come in Spokane, about 300 to 400 showed up. Most had come in groups ranging in size from two to 20, and in age from 12 to 60. We met some others that went to Eastern and set up camp next to them. They had bought a giant tarp for the occasion.

Everyone knew that it was supposed to rain that night, and I'd told the girls to bring garbage bags. I hadn't realized how specific I needed to be.

Our inventory consisted of one sleeping bag, three blankets, two pillows, a quilt and three miniscule, dorm-room garbage bags that I'd planned to use as cover for all of our stuff, but they were barely big enough to keep the pillows dry during the first drizzle. We laid out my quilt on the pavement, then the unzipped sleeping bag over that, then the three blankets. We laid atop all of our belongings to keep them out of the rain, so our clothes ended up getting wet. After the storm departed I turned to the letter, which I'd been looking forward to.

It rained again before I made any headway on the letter. People started to leave. I overheard one girl in slim-fit Prada say, "They didn't say anything about it raining. This is so not cool. Let's get out of here." Word for word.

The three of us tried to sleep, but when we crawled beneath the sleeping bag we discovered that my quilt was soaked through. It was warm though, when we huddled together. We drifted off at about 1:30 in the morning, after about an hour of cud-



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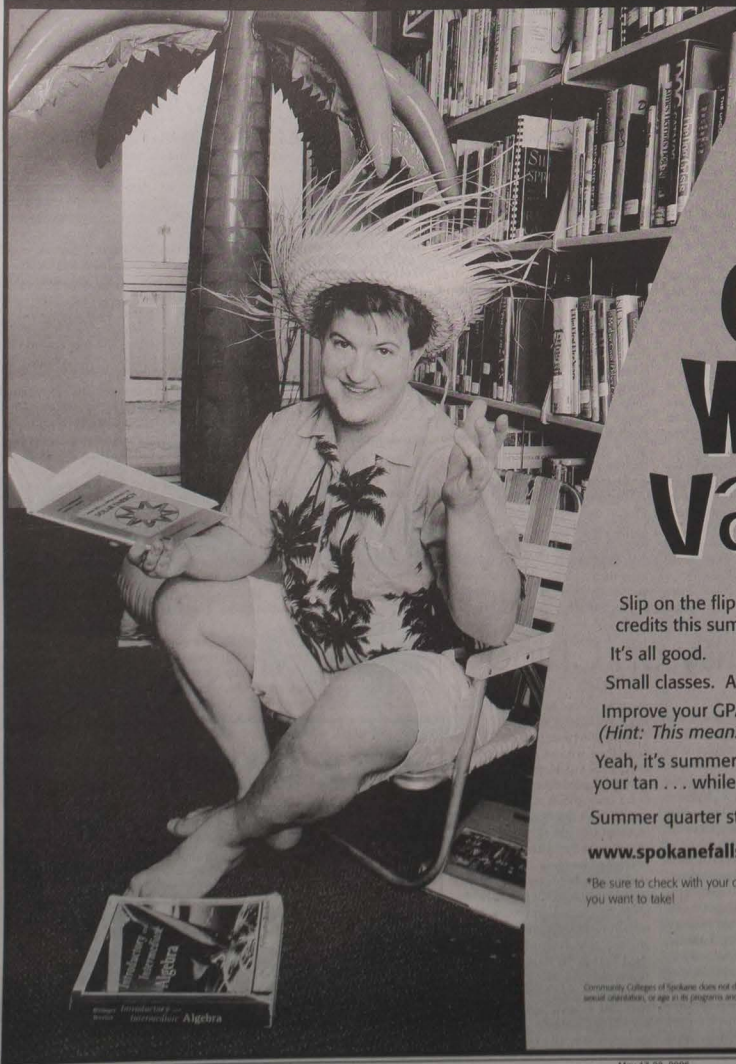
At about 2 a.m. someone woke me up and told me to come inside. It was pouring, and the blankets and sleeping bag were so wet that the water was coming through all of the cloth and drenching us. I planted my hand to get up and water pooled around my fingers. We had to get inside.

Putting our things into borrowed trash bags, we rushed into the church for sanctuary from the wind, the cold and the wet.

Cami, Ashley and I played cards until morning. We left at 6 a.m. and walked to the nearest bus stop, only to discover that the first bus back to Cheney left at 8:50 a.m. Unable to go back to the church because they'd kicked us out for morning worship, the three of us walked to the Car's Jr. on Third Street, where we stayed for two hours and ate breakfast. The walk to the Plaza was cold, long and miserable. The bus ride back wasn't much better.

I'd say that three-quarters of the people who came for the Global Night Commute left because of the weather. I can't say that I can blame them.

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How-(not)-to be 'That Girl'

By SOPHIE SWECKER
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My colleague Curtis Campbell recently wrote an article exposing the dangers of "That Guy." As brain-shattering annoying as "That Guy" may be, there is only one thing worse than "That Guy," which is of course, "That Girl," and I'm not talking about the 1960s TV show starring Marlo Thomas.

"That Girl" is an affront to all other girls who are not of the "That" variety, and a danger to all unsuspecting males who may fall into her trap. The following is a comprehensive guide on how to recognize and avoid "That Girl."

"That Girl" can be easily recognized by a few key phrases, if you are so unlucky to run into her at a house party or other alcohol-serving event. "I totally hate people who are fake, y'know? Like, just be real, y'know..." I am just so totally over drama, like, just say stuff to my face, y'know?" In other words, everybody found out that she cheated on her boyfriend with his brother and an entire intramural basketball team. If you find yourself unfortunate enough to be on the receiving end of this conversation it's best to excuse yourself to the bathroom. Crawl out

It can be January, and while most students are bundled up to their eyebrows in down jackets and all pipes have frozen shut, "That Girl" is prancing around in stilettos and a 10-inch long miniskirt.

a window or, failing that, stick your head in the toilet bowl and flush repeatedly. It's better than putting up with 45 minutes of meaningless yammering, which is what you'll get if you stay put.

You can also identify "That Girl" from as far as a hundred yards away, with a little practice. "That Girl" almost always owns five pairs of sweats with an inaccurate moniker, like "Cutie," "Princess," or "Abercrombie & Fitch" embroidered on the ass region of the pants. When not sporting custom-designed activewear, she's exposing as much skin as is legally permissible. It can be January and, while most students are bundled up to their eyebrows in down jackets and all the pipes in Cheney have frozen shut, "That Girl" is prancing around in stilettos and a 10-inch long miniskirt. And unless endowed with a protective

layer of blubber, she is also suffering from a mild form of hypothermia.

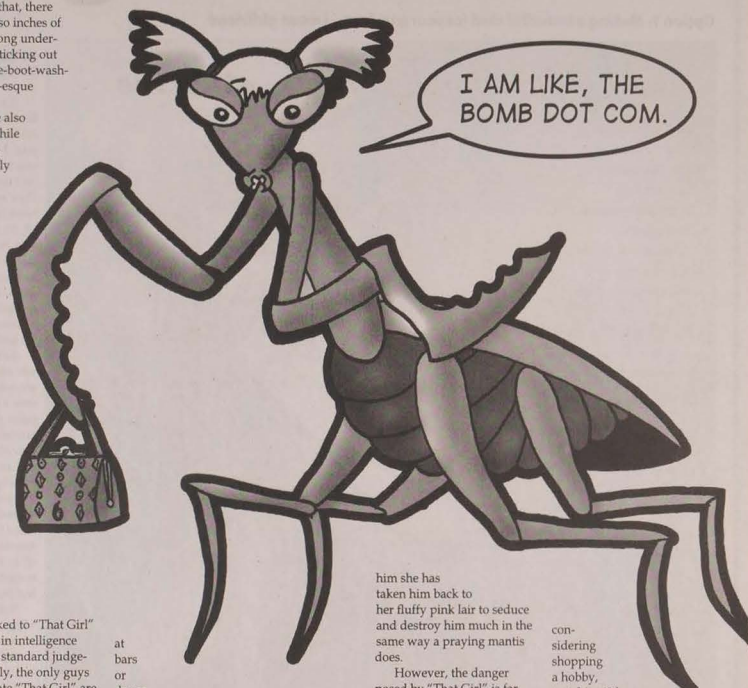
Upon closer inspection (not recommended), "That Girl" can also be spotted by her trademark, a tattoo on or around the lower back of the Chinese symbol for "Unoriginal" or some kind of flower.

Tantamount to that, there are usually four or so inches of brightly-colored thigh underwear strategically sticking out of her ultra-low-rise-boot-wash-Seven-Prada-Gucci-esque jeans.

You might have also seen "That Girl," while driving. As in, you have probably nearly missed being fatally injured by "That Girl" because she was talking on her cell phone and almost veered her brand new Honda Civic into you at an intersection.

"That Girl," is seldom seen without the obligatory trophy boyfriend, whom she flaunts in public and has brainwashed to the point of having him trained to pee sitting down. You might also see him shopping for tampons or waiting outside the dressing room at Nordstrom's. While moderately attractive, guys linked to "That Girl" are usually lacking in intelligence and do not possess standard judgment skills. Actually, the only guys dumb enough to date "That Girl" are usually "That Guy."

When "That Girl" is single, she's usually on the lookout for potential mates/victims. This is mostly done



at bars or dance clubs by some sort of skanky, hypnotic thong-revealing dance. All the poor guy can think is "that chick is hot" and before he knows what hit

him she has taken him back to her fluffly pink lair to seduce and destroy him much in the same way a praying mantis does.

However, the danger posed by "That Girl" is far greater to other females than the average horny dude.

Falling in with "That Girl" can lead to strange behaviors such as

considering shopping a hobby, watching 8th and Ocean and consuming large amounts of Boone's Farm. The blue kind.

Summer fun available to students willing to work outside of the box

By CASEY KNOPK
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When you were a kid, summer meant running through the sprinkler, sleeping whenever you felt like it, playing tag in the dark and warm days of doing nothing.

But as we got older, those days slowly passed and our summers became involved with work. Ugh. Two words that are absolutely tummy wrenching, completely head hurting, and just plain depressing—summer job.

It is time we claimed summer back for all that was fun and exciting. There is a way to still enjoy summer and make money at the same time.

The following seven jobs are a sure-fire way to have a great summer and still have some money in the bank account come September.

Mango Salesman—Nothing could be more rewarding than working the Californian beaches in your van while selling mangos out of the back. This summer job will allow for plenty of sunshine and plenty of time for checking out the beaches. And if you ever get hungry, well, have a mango.

Seahawks towel boy—The Seahawks do spend most of

their summer in the lovely town of Cheney, so you wouldn't even have to leave. Picking up towels that have been used by Matt Hasselbeck or Shaun Alexander would be the highlight of any true Seattle fan. I can honestly think of nothing better.

Lifeguard—This one is for obviously the person who can swim without arm floaters. Outdoor pools are the best for this job, because not only can you work on the tan, but also check out the opposite sex as they come to the pool and swim. Plus, you might even be able to save a life and that would just be cool to be able to say.

Camp counselor—If you are someone who doesn't mind hanging out in the woods, then this position is for you. While teaching kids about the dangers of poison ivy and how to properly use bear spray, you could be getting your fair share of tag, capture the flag and campfire skits. And just for your information, I am the king of capture the flag. Booyah.

Cowboy—Every little kid dreamed of living in the wild west and being the Lone Ranger growing up. Saving the day and getting the girl. Now, supposing you like horses, you could make that a reality, minus the saving the day part. But you could work as a farm hand, or a cowboy on a ranch. I used to want to

do this, but then *Brokeback Mountain* ruined my whole vision of cowboys.

Cruise ship janitor—At first thought this does not seem like the most luxurious job in the world, but think again. When you get off work, what would there be left to do? You

are on a cruise, in the middle of the ocean, with lots of sun. I would say that the work might not be the best, but after work would rule.

Secret Shopper—I always see newspaper ads for secret shoppers. Seriously, is this a job? You go in,

talk to the clerk and buy stuff. Sweet deal, hanging out in air-conditioned malls all day. But the real question is whether you get to keep the stuff that you buy. Cause I would buy an Xbox 360 or only shop at the grocery store.

Now go out and find one of these jobs before they all fill up. If you don't, you will be sorry come June when you are working at Mr. Fishy's Seafood Emporium. As for me, I already bought the van, now I just have to find some mangos.

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How-to be single by summer


Option 1- Making a beautiful card for your true love... I mean girlfriend

My darling Lisa Katherine

The Unicorn's Ride

Over your rainbow
A unicorn flew,
He was sent to find me...
He said by you,
"Climb aboard", he whispered,
"We must go for a ride..."
And into a portal of light
We rode inside.
The sky was so blue,
The fields so green,
With each explosion of light
Was a wonderful scene.
So happy we seem
And always together,
There was no end to your dream,
It just went on forever.
Then the unicorn said
"I have one more surprise..."
So we took off quickly
And pierced the sky.
Then I saw you sleeping
And dreaming in your bed...
I caressed your hair gently
And kissed you on your head.
The unicorn interrupted...
"I must now get you home,
But now that you've seen her dream,
May you never feel alone."
My heart is feeling heavy,
A fire burns inside.
Thank you so much my darling
For the unicorn's ride.

- Eric R. Hughes -



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By MERRIMON LYON*
Staff Heartbreaker

It's spring and the girl who kept you toasty through the long, cold winter is losing her hold on you. I mean, you told her that you loved her, but can anyone expect real commitment these days? They're really asking to get their heart broken if they do. After all, it's nice and warm outside now, with plenty of things—and chicks—to do. Shirts are off, bikini tops are on, birds are singing and I can't look anywhere without seeing two squirrels going at it somewhere in my line of sight; it's just that time of year.

So how do I dump the broad, you ask? There may be many ways to skin a cat, but there are only a few ways to shed a clingy pussy (cat). Have no fear. I have mastered the art of deterring the opposite sex, and have broken that art into several essential techniques that are guaranteed to drive your better half away immediately. This is not *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* for men. Anyone can drive somebody off in 10 days. The challenge is instantaneous, guiltless riddance, and that can be hard to get.

Suffice it to say this article will probably mean the end of my success with women anywhere, ever. Salman Rushdie ran for his life when *The Satanic Verses* earned him a spot on the chopping block in any Muslim country; I find that women are far less forgiving.

Make her a card. It has to be nice. When cutting out heart shapes with those ridiculous scissors with their decoratively jagged blades, remember that this plan's effectiveness grows

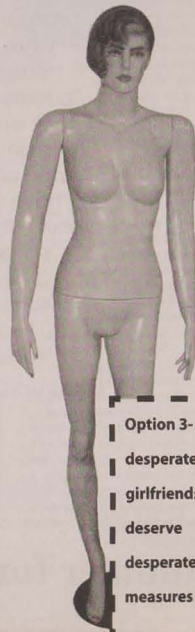
exponentially from the amount of effort put into the card. Write a poem in glue and sprinkle glitter over it. Enclose a picture. Write "I love you!" no less than seven times. Enclose a lock of hair. Hint at something naughty. And then, at the bottom, in letters much bigger than any others on the card, address it to your girlfriend's best friend in carefully written, perfectly legible strokes of Elmer's and glitter. The confusion, distrust and fear that bubbles up from the tear ducts in her eyes will be the fireworks that celebrate the end of the relationship, and your subsequent freedom.

Download gay porno and place it on the desktop of your computer. Don't worry—you don't have to watch it. Just leave it there. Sooner or later she will see it, and, curious as to what caperear.wmv might be, open it. Doubtless, some time will pass between her seeing it and her working up the nerve to ask you about it, but eventually she will approach you and ask if you like dukes.

Now's the time to break down into tears. Tell her you're sorry and, between sobs, tell her it will all be alright. Tell her you've been saving up for sex changes for the both of you, her being more manly anyway, and that once you're a woman and she's a man, everything will work out fine. If she doesn't leave, call the police; she's probably wanted for something somewhere.

Detach a mannequin's leg, close her car trunk over its thigh so that the foot is pointing outward, pour ketchup over its length, and call the cops on her while she's driving through downtown Spokane. Self-explanatory.

*Name has been changed



Option 3-
desperate
girlfriends
deserve
desperate
measures

Poseidon's fate rescued by crew

By R. JOHNSON
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In the early '70s, there was a Hollywood fad for big-budget disaster films. 1972's *The Poseidon Adventure* was the first. Based on a novel by Paul Gallico, it was the first big-budget, all-star, special-effects-reliant movie and along with the first true "summer blockbuster" *Star Wars*, *The Poseidon Adventure* would help redefine the movie industry.

Now, over 30 years later, *The Poseidon Adventure* has been remade as *Poseidon*.

On New Year's Eve, an enormous "rogue wave" (a real phenomena) strikes the cruise ship "Poseidon," causing it to turn completely upside-down. A group of survivors in the ship's grand ballroom defy the orders of the captain (Thief's Andre Braugher) and leave to find a way out through the bottom of the ship.

As the ship slowly begins to sink and they seek escape, the group faces numerous perils, both fiery and watery.

The over-saturation of disaster movies in the 1970s turned this sort of story into a cliché, and now more recent movie trends have begun to see plot and character as secondary to computer-generated special effects set pieces. But *Poseidon*'s cast saves the movie from becoming tedious or flat.

Heading the ensemble cast are *Glory Road*'s Josh Lucas as a professional gambler and Sky

Higley's Kurt Russell as the former mayor of New York. They lead a large cast that would be unwieldy if they weren't all so good. Emmy Rossum (*The Phantom of the Opera*) is Russell's daughter, who is accompanied by her boyfriend, and Richard Dreyfuss plays a suicidal architect whose survival instincts kick in after the disaster.

Many of the characters' relationships are marked by melodrama, such as Lucas's chemistry with a single mother and the hero worship he endures from her young son and Russell's disapproval of his daughter's relationship. But the actors are so talented and play their parts with such conviction that the melodrama isn't over-the-top.

And the large cast of characters doesn't get confusing, as they are all distinct and quickly defined in our minds.

The excitement of the disaster is definitely helped by the realism of the computer-generated effects. By the nature of the story, one major set-piece, the capsizing of the ship, happens very early in the movie. It's tricky to start a movie with such a huge bang because the audience can't help but wonder, "How are they gonna top this?"

While the only people likely to win Oscars are the folks at Industrial Light & Magic, *Poseidon* succeeds as a good afternoon's entertainment by relying not on its special effects but on its cast, story and suspense to keep the viewer's attention.

Massive makeover for photography department

By ERIN BEIL
Reporter

A picture is worth a thousand words, but what about the place where such pictures are developed? With the direction of Shelly Murney, Eastern Washington University art professor, renovations to the photography department's darkroom have been successful.

Working at EWU for approximately two years now, Murney has had an extensive background in the art of photography. As a sophomore in high school, she was introduced to black and white photography. She then went on to study at the University of California-Santa Cruz with art professor Norman Locks, whom printed negatives for Ansel Adams once he was too old to print them himself. "Norman encouraged a dialogue about photography that was incredibly motivating and engaging," Murney said.

With a strong passion for photography, Murney wanted to remodel the darkroom shortly after coming to EWU. However, before the renovation process, Murney had to research various grants in order to gain sufficient funds for the project. After being awarded a Title III grant from the Teaching and Learning Center for a \$3,000 summer stipend and \$2,500 for darkroom technology, the plan was underway.

With this money, Murney was able to purchase new digital cameras, new enlargers for printmaking,

an electric enlarger for students with disabilities and supplies necessary for the darkroom makeover.

The renovation process began in the summer of 2004 and stretched until the summer of 2005. Murney said the first changes she made were painting the developing lab black and having two eye wash stations and a safety shower installed. She said, "When I first walked into the darkroom, I knew it had potential."

Setting up a designated mural printing area, Murney said students now can experience printing on larger paper. Although most of the changes made to the darkroom came from grant money, Murney has been able to acquire more photo equipment from other departments on campus that are being dismantled. "I installed a darkroom sink from the Geography Department in a room that had been inaccessible," Murney explained.

Because the chemicals found in a darkroom can be extremely hazardous, Murney implemented a new routine for their handling. "I

worked with Environmental Health and Safety to dispose of the powdered chemical in order to eliminate hazardous airborne particulates from floating around the darkroom," Murney said. "Now the darkroom uses liquid stock and concentrates, which is much safer for the students, work-study employees and myself."

The photography classrooms were also made into more productive spaces with the installation of two film loading rooms, and the chalkboards were replaced by a presentation board for class critiques. Murney also mounted lock boxes on both classroom and darkroom doors so photography students can access the facilities whenever the building is open and the ventilation is on.

Overall, the renovations made were successful, though difficult and time consuming. Taking a full year, Murney reported

the most frustrating task was painting the darkroom black.

Curtis Stewardson, the technician for the Art Department, just completed building shelves underneath the enlarging stations. He also built

a new drying rack to accommodate more prints.

For the future of the photography department, Murney wants to expand the course offerings and teach a lecture class on the history of photography. Currently photography students in Art 404, Advanced Photography, are learning how to do alternative processes. Murney said students are learning how to tone their prints, along with learning non-silver processes such as Van Dyke and Cyanotype.

Eventually, Murney hopes to offer her Advanced Photography class more than once per year. "One of my advanced photography classes met once a week for eight hours," Murney explained. "It was basically an eight-hour critique discussing the value of a good print and how to talk about photography."

For beginning photographers, or those who are considering the art, Murney's suggestions include shooting two to three rolls of film a week and developing strong work habits. Murney added, "You can only solve photographic problems by making photographs. Think of this as sketching." Other tips include keeping hands out of the chemicals and going out to galleries.

Murney and Norman Locks will be exhibiting their artwork together in 2008 at California State University-Los Angeles. For a list of Shelly Murney's photographs, along with other photography links, visit her Web site at www.shellyland.com.

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—Shelly Murney

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Getting down and dirty

Coaches expecting big plays from the big men on Eastern's offensive and defensive lines in 2006

By MATT CROWNOVER
Reporter

Nobody seems to care about these guys. All we see is the glamorous touchdowns and the sometimes not-so-glamorous celebrations afterward. But without the big guys up front there would be no touchdowns and there would be no dancing in the end zone. Luckily for the Eastern Washington University football team, the big guys do indeed come up big.

According to head coach Paul Wulff, the offensive and defensive lines will be a focal point to the team's success next season. The linemen play a pivotal role on any team, he said.

"Any good football team at any level is generally very strong on the offensive line and defensive line," said Wulff.

Returning All-Americans Matt Alfred and Rocky Hanni will anchor an offensive line that will be expected to protect a new quarterback, after the departure of Walter Payton Award-winner Erik Meyer. With the quarterback competition in full-swing, Alfred knows how important the offensive line will be come the 2006 season.

"We just hope to use our play to make the transition for whoever is to be our new quarterback as seamless as possible," he said.

Right tackle Zach Wasielewski, who started 12 games in 2005, said that Meyer made the job of the offensive linemen easier last year with his quickness and ability to avoid defenders. This year, Wasielewski said the play of the linemen will be crucial, especially under the direction of a brand new signal-caller.

"Last year we lacked a lot of experience and Erik Meyer made up for that because he was just a ball player who could just play," said Wasielewski. "I think this year, because of our experience, it's going to make it a lot easier on our new quarterback."

Offensive Line Coach Aaron Best, who was an All-American center for the Eagles from 1996-99, said that it doesn't matter who is behind center come August 31, when the Eagles take on the Beavers of Oregon State.

"No matter who's calling the plays or throwing the ball, half of our job is to run the ball effectively and protect



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The offensive line looks to add to a smooth transition for a new starting quarterback.

the quarterback," he said.

With Meyer and All-American wide receiver Eric Kimble gone, Best said the expectations of his linemen have risen.

"Knowing that all of our skill players on offense graduated, a lot of the burden is going to fall on our shoulders," he said.

The offensive line will be as experienced as it ever has been. Every starter on the offensive line, besides Kraig Sigler, will be returning for the 2006 season.

Alfred, who was a Division 1-AA first team All-American and Big Sky selection in 2005, said the offensive linemen are as close as ever having spent so much time together, and that helps them play better as a unit on the field.

"The thing about offensive linemen that a lot of people don't realize is that it all comes down to communication and working with the guy next to you," he said. "If you can't get along

and know what the other guy is going to do and know what he's thinking, then you're going to have a hard time being successful."

Wulff expects the offensive line to be one of the team's strong points next season.

"The offensive line is very capable of being, and we expect them to be, very dominant," he said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the line will be just as important, but there are a few question marks. All Big-Sky Second-Team defensive lineman Harrison Nikolao is expected to move to the offensive line in 2006. The Eagles also lost defensive linemen Johnny Hanson and Garrett Quinn.

Even with the losses, Wulff is excited about how the defensive line is looking.

"I feel like we got some consistency and some kids that will give us a great performance week in and week out."

The defensive line is returning '05-'06 starters Gene Piffero and Keith

Grennan, and both are expected to come up big for the Eagles next season. Wulff said the key to a good all-around defense starts on the defensive line.

"They take a lot of pressure off our secondary and linebacker core," said Wulff.

Grennan, who had three sacks and 28 tackles in 2005, said the defensive line spends time together off the field and that contributes to how well they play.

"We're a pretty close-knit group; kind of like a family," he said.

With a question mark at the quarterback position and many key players from last year's Big-Sky Championship season gone, it will be easy for teams to look past the 2006 Eagles. But Alfred and his cast of giants are out to prove the doubters wrong.

"Some people discount us, but we have a lot of talent on this team," he said. "We're going to surprise a lot of people."



Graphic by Steven Wilber

The Great Outdoors

Assistant news editor faces his worst enemy: the Entiat river

By CASEY KNOPIK
Assistant News Editor

Every outdoorsman has their nemesis. Whether that nemesis is a mountain that refuses to be conquered, a fish that refuses to be caught or a camping partner that refuses to be quiet, we all have them.

I am no different, mine is a river called the Entiat. I will always hold a special place in my heart for that river, an evil place.

"It doesn't appear to be running THAT fast," said Stu Sood, our group leader. "I am almost certain we can make it."

You know that little voice in your head that tells you when what you are about to do is dumb? At that moment, mine said, "OK, any sentence that contains the words 'I am almost certain we can make it,' is a bad sentence." But do you think I listened?

"This will be awesome," I said. "Let's do it!"

"But the ranger did say that this is one of the worst floods he has seen," said Rich Bulseye, a frequent camping buddy. "And that water is really moving."

"Plus I just saw a chunk of ice float by," said Floyd Grub, another member of our group.

"Come on boys," hollered Stu. "Let's get this trip going."

With a sigh of reluctance the group unpacked the boats and braced for the inevitable. All together there were seven of us, in five kayaks and a canoe.

As we pushed off, I heard Floyd ask, "Do you think they sell group rates on tombstones?"

But no one replied.

Within seconds we were blasting past rocks, logs and trees that used to be out of the water, but due to the height of the river were consumed. Everything was going fine...and then the log jam showed up.

One of the kids hit it square on, capsizing immediately. Grabbing his kayak, he started floating down the river. And then there were six. Soon another guy flipped and there were five, and then four.

Watching them flip, I was thinking to myself, another one bites the dust. And in that moment I hit a tree.

Upon impact, my kayak was trapped. Pinned against the trunk by the onslaught of the current. Deciding I could either spend the rest of my existence against that tree, or flip my boat into the water, I chose the latter.

As soon as I hit the glacier water I decided that I had made the wrong decision and that I should have waited until the flood was over.

Grabbing my paddle and kayak I floated down the stream alongside the ice chunks. In front of me was the canoe, and I watched as it slowly filled with water and sank.

A mile down the river we found a rock outcropping and dragged the boats to shore. Shivering from being in glacier water for so long, we flopped down upon the jagged rocks and tried to warm up in the sun.

There were six of us. And only six.

"Great," I said. "Stu is missing."

"Well maybe he is just taking longer?" replied Rich.

"I'm cold," said Floyd.

"You being cold is the last of our problems," I said. "We have to find Stu. He had the car keys."

Just as I finished my statement, around the bend he came. Paddling gently and smoothly—and dry.

"See boys," said Stu. "That wasn't such a tough river. Why are you guys all wet?"



Casey Knopik/Easterner

Stephanie Ulmer stands atop the podium with her medal after capturing the Big Sky Conference title in the javelin.

WOMEN: strong finish on home turf

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A third place finish put all four women on the podium, receiving their medals in front of the home crowd.

"Some days you can be that little bit faster and some days you can't," said Mecklenburg. "But boy [Heater] still put it on the line and it was good for her."

Another high-scoring athlete of the meet was senior Sara Fouts, who placed third in the high jump.

"It was really thrilling for me to watch her finish her career in that place at the conference championships," said Mecklenburg.

The hosting of the meet went smoothly, according to the Head Men's

Coach Stan Kerr.

"It was first class all the way," he said.

"The atmosphere we were trying to create was a championship atmosphere where the intensity is high and the competition is fair."

Eastern hosted the Big Sky meet as part of a rotation among the eight universities in the Big Sky.

Before the meet, both EWU head coaches had high hopes for Eagle competition on the home turf.

"I think they responded great... We had parents I've never seen at a meet who came over and watched," said Mecklenburg. "I was really happy for the athletes to have the opportunity for their families (to) watch them compete."

Words: Bright futures ahead for Meyer, Eagles basketball

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Beltre include Scott Spiezio, who has as many home runs (three) as he had base hits for the M's in 2005. I just wish Beltre would pray to whatever baseball gods he believes in to cure his swing. And if he could just give some of that cure to Richie Sexson as well, that would be great.

The Bengals cut quarterback Craig Krenzel.

While this may not seem significant for the average EWU sports fan, trust me, it is. When the Bengals cut the man who quarterbacked Ohio State to the National Championship in 2002, it left the Bengals with only three quarterbacks on their roster behind starter Carson Palmer: Anthony Wright, Doug Johnson and Eastern's Erik Meyer. Meyer, currently in Cin-

cinnati's rookie mini-camp, will compete against both Wright and Johnson to back up Palmer.

Can it be time for Eastern basketball again?

If you aren't excited for next year's basketball season, you must not have a pulse. With only one senior, Deuce Smith, leaving the team, the future looks extremely bright. Next year's objective: the NCAA tournament or better. The fans are back, call them "the Reese Rowdies," "Team Red" or whatever you want, but expect Reese Court to provide one of the best home court advantages yet again.

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Eagles at play

Track and Field

13 Eagles qualify for NCAA Regionals May 26-27 in Provo, Utah.

The Eagles will be sending 13 athletes to the NCAA Regionals. On the men's side, the Eagles 4x400 relay team (Chad Butorac, Marcus Whitehead, Phil Carr and Alex Moon) qualified for the meet with a time of 3:12.08. Moon also qualified in the 400 hurdles, while throwers Tyler Cathey (javelin) and David Paul (hammer and discus) will also head to Provo, Utah. Freshmen Steve Bacon (long jump) rounds out the Eagles' men qualifiers.

On the women's side, Sarah Hegna (pole vault), Lyndsey Johnson-Cooper (400 hurdles) and Haley Heater (400 hurdles) all qualified. The Eagles will also send three javelin throwers, Jordan Baughman, Carolee Geaudreau and Stephanie Ulmer.

Men's Basketball

Howell promoted to associate head coach

Carl Howell, who has spent the last three seasons as an assistant men's basketball coach at EWU, has been promoted to associate head coach. Howell, 40, also serves as the recruiting coordinator.

Awards Banquet

The basketball team will also hold its annual awards banquet Wednesday, May 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tawanka Hall. The cost is \$22.50 for a buffet-style Italian dinner. If interested in attending, e-mail assistant coach Grant Leep at grant.leep@mail.ewu.edu by May 22.

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Chasing the Babe

Sports editor discusses Barry Bonds, hot dogs and, of course, "King" Rodney Stuckey

COMMENTARY BY JOEL WILLITS
Sports Editor

Welcome to the very first edition of "Words with Willits," the forum in which I place my thoughts on sports in order to make room in my brain for such trivial functions such as breathing, moving and thinking.

You can expect this column to provide you with everything from the asinine to the serious, from Eastern Washington University to the pros and everything else in between.

Barry Bonds and the great home run chase

When Barry Bonds hits his next home run and ties for second all-time on the career home run list, George Herman "Babe" Ruth will roll over in his hot-dog-filled grave.

The Babe, while not double-fisting brews or downing ballpark franks, managed to send 714 balls over the outfield fences of stadiums all over America. Ruth earned his status as "The Sultan of Swat," "The Colossus of Clout," and "The Great Bambino" with his heroics. The Babe was one of the first five players inducted in the Baseball Hall of Fame and will always be remembered in many fan's hearts as one of the greatest players of all time.

Barry Bonds, however, will not be remembered so kindly.

Ever since steroids became a mainstream issue, Bonds has been at the center of attention. While Ruth captured hearts as the prototypical "everyday man," Bonds will be remembered as "the BALCO-supplied-super-steroid man." Unless Bonds suddenly admits that he did in fact use steroids, the debate over the validity of his statistics will continue. While Bonds's place in history is a debate for another day, the contrast between Ruth and Bonds is no debate at all.

The two could not be so diverse.

Ruth was powered by polish sausages and a good cold beer. Bonds was powered by "the cream" and "the clear," steroids he "unknowingly" used.

It had been said by some columnists that the public's general disdain for Bonds's pursuit of history is because Bonds is African-American, while the Babe was white. This, I say, is ridiculous.

In my mind, the only reason why I wish Bonds would not pass the Babe, or even Hank Aaron's all-time record of 755 for that matter, is that he represents to me everything that is wrong with the game. I believe Bonds knowingly did steroids. I believe Barry Bonds cheated. I believe Barry Bonds has no place in the record books. Barry Bonds's race has no impact on my judgment on the man.

While the Babe will most certainly be passed over in the books, he will not be forgotten. Barry Bonds will not be forgotten either, but not for the same reasons.

Watching the Mariners play baseball is killing me

As a life-long Mariners fan, I have stuck with them through the thick and the thin, but this year is something else. One night, the M's look great, the next, absolutely dreadful. While Felix Hernandez, the emerging power of Jose Lopez and the defense of Yuniesky Betancourt keep me glued to the television, not much else is easing the pain.

Adrian Beltré and his extra-large contract are hitting .218 with two home runs. Former Mariner third basemen who have more home runs than

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Eagle men take third

Led by discus-winner David Paul and a record-breaking time from Eastern's 4x400 relay team, Eagles finish highest ever

By CASEY KNOPIK
Staff Writer

In a weekend that found many records being broken, the Big Sky Championships saw the Eastern men's track team finishing third. This was the highest place they have ever finished.

Taking home the men's title was the Weber State Wildcats. The title marked the seventh time they have won the team title in nine years.

And while Eastern hosted the event, it was a Wildcat that stole the show.

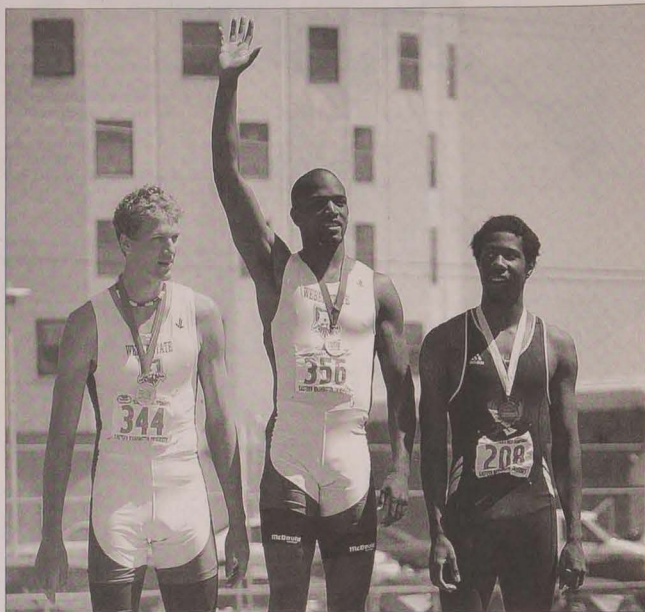
Needing only eight points to become the highest point scorer in Big Sky outdoor track history, Wiley King of Weber State finished with two titles, in the 100 meters and 110 meter hurdles, and a second place finish in the long jump. While adding points in the triple jump and on the 4x100 relay, King finished his college career being named the Track Athlete of the Meet.

"Wiley had an outstanding performance," said Stan Kerr, head men's track coach. "I have watched his career since he has been in the conference, both in football and in track. He likes Woodward Field because he had an outstanding performance here last fall, and then he comes back and caps his track career with some great individual championships, and of course Weber won the team title."

For the Eagles, senior thrower David Paul won the discus with a throw of 179-6, the second best in school history. But the victory in the discus came after an upset at the hammer pit. Although he was favored to win the hammer, Paul scratched on his first two throws and his third was less than three feet short of putting him in the finals.

"After what happened to David, it would have been easy for him to be down in the dumps, but one of the things that we have coached all year is team unity," said Kerr. "A number of athletes approached David and gave him some words of encouragement. And he bounced back the way we would hope a team captain would."

Despite not having his best show-



Casey Knopik/Easterner

Weber States' Wiley King celebrates after winning the 110-meter hurdles as EWU's L'Shawn Dennis looks on. King's teammate, Terrell Brown took, second place in the event.

ing in the hammer, Paul will still have one more chance, as he already qualified for the NCAA Regional Meet with a throw earlier in the season.

Eastern's 4x400 meter team of freshman Chad Butorac and seniors Marcus Whitehead, Phil Carr and Alex Moon, was also victorious with a time of 3:12.08, which was a new Woodward Field record.

"We were just thrilled watching that race," said Kerr. "Those guys had that goal in mind from the start of the year. They were the indoor champions and they wanted the bookend of an outdoor championship."

In the javelin, Tyler Cathey came away with a second place finish. His

throw of 205-8 was only four inches shy of first place, but was good enough to get him into the NCAA regional track meet.

"Even though he had already qualified, Tyler improved his best mark during the meet and as a freshman that is just great," said Kerr.

Also finishing second for Eastern was Alex Moon in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 51.93, his season best. Moon will also represent Eastern at the regional meet.

Other Eagles who earned All-Big Sky honors, were L'Shawn Dennis who finished third in the 110-meter hurdles, Chad Butorac, who finished third in the 400 meters and John Time-

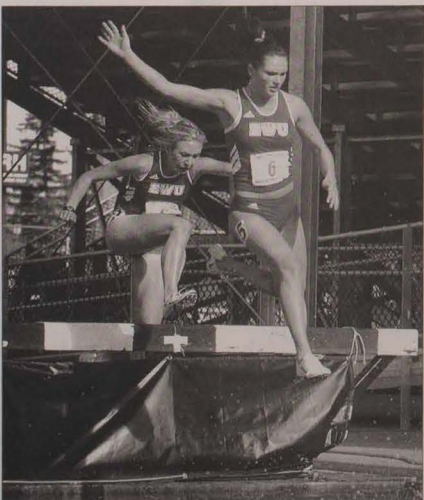
us finished third in both the 5,000 meters and the 10,000 meters.

The NCAA West Regional meet will be held at BYU the weekend of May 26 and 27. Then the athletes that qualify will head to fellow Big Sky school Sacramento State, who will be hosting the NCAA Division I Championships June 7 through 10.

"Finishing third, it really validates that the student athletes we are recruiting are the ones we should be recruiting," said Kerr. "These guys work hard in the weight room, work hard in practice and work hard on the field, and hopefully we will have some athletes who can punch their ticket to Sacramento."

Seniors score big for women at home

Stephanie Ulmer repeats as javelin champion; Six Eagle women qualify for NCAA West Regional held May 26-27 at BYU



By JESLYN LEMKE
Staff Writer

Fighting strong winds on Friday and blossoming under a warm sun on Saturday, the EWU women's track and field team earned sixth place at the NCAA Big Sky Conference Championships, held at Eastern May 10 through 13.

"They came through when they needed to come through," said Marcia Mecklenburg, the head women's track coach. "They did well."

The force of the women's team was felt largely in the ranks of the seniors, where multiple throwers and sprinters scored in the top three places. Stephanie Ulmer, the 2002 and 2003 outdoor javelin champion, won yet another Big Sky title with a throw of 158-08, the only first place finish for the women's side.

"It's the best she's thrown at a conference championship. That was a lot of fun to watch. She has performed well year in and year out," said Mecklenburg.

Placing third in the javelin was senior Jordan Baughman, with a throw of 154-07, followed by a sixth place

finish from junior Carolee Geaudreau. All three of these athletes have qualified for the NCAA Division I Regionals meet on May 26 and 27, the first round in national track and field collegiate competition.

Eagle talent ran especially deep in the 400 hurdles, with seniors Lyndsey Cooper Johnson and Haley Heater taking second and third, respectively. Both of these women have met the qualifying mark for regionals.

Springing high enough to nab a second place finish and qualify for regionals is pole vaulter Sarah Hegna, with a vault of 12-5 1/2.

The women's 4x400 team provided an edgy finish to the meet. The first three legs were Sarah Frey, Caitlin Prunty and Lyndsey Cooper-Johnson. Frey sped the team off to a strong start, finishing first in her leg.

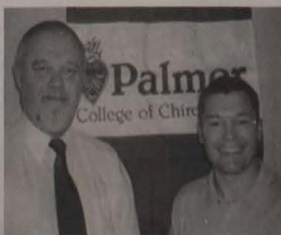
That lead was continued by Prunty and enlarged by Cooper-Johnson in the third lap. Anchor leg Haley Heater led the last lap by a close margin, only to be passed by Montana State and Portland State in the last 50 meters.

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